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&Report Finds Investigation Honest But Faults Carter, CBS Says

NEW YORK (AP) - The first draft of a report by the Senate subcommittee investigating Billy Carter concludes the Justice Department investigated the Libyan affair honestly and conscientiously, but faults President Carter's handling of the case, CBS News said Monday.

"There is no evidence that either the investigation or disposition of the case was skewed in favor of Billy Carter because he is the brother of the President," the network quoted the special Senate Judiciary subcommittee report as saying.

But the as-yet-unreleased report says the President failed to follow up on efforts to "dissuade Billy Carter from making his second trip to Libya," the network said.

CBS said the panel found the President "did not disassociate himself and the administration from the trip."

"The subcommittee concludes that the President should have issued a public statement or sent a private message to the Libyan government that Billy Carter did not represent the United States," CBS quoted the report as saying.

The subcommittee criticizes the President and National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski for using Billy Carter as a diplomatic intermediary with the Libyans and criticizes Brzezinski and CIA Director Stansfield Turner for their handling of intelligence information about Billy Carter's dealings, the network said.

The network quoted the report as saying Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti should not have told the President that "criminal proceedings would not be instituted if Billy Carter registered" as an agent for a foreign government.

Coming in for the sharpest criticism is Billy Carter. CBS said the report finds: "His conduct was contrary to the interests of the President and the United States and merits condemnation."

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